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**TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO TAMPERING WITH GOVERNMENT
WITNESSES IN CONNECTION WITH “WHO’S-A-RAT”**

Information From www.whosarat.com Distributed Throughout Witness’s Neighborhood

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Pat Meehan, today, announced that defendants Joseph Miles Davis, 39, of Philadelphia, and his girlfriend, Adero Mahia Miwo, 25, of Jenkintown, PA, pleaded guilty to five counts in federal court including conspiracy to suborn perjury, conspiracy to tamper with witnesses, and tampering with a witness in an attempt to intimidate a government witness in a federal drug case.

While Joseph Miles Davis was awaiting trial in federal court in New Mexico on a PCP-trafficking charge, personal information about a cooperating government witness in the case was published on www.whosarat.com, a website which was created as a means of identifying cooperating witnesses and undercover law enforcement officers, in an effort to intimidate them into not participating in prosecutions. This same information was then printed on fliers which were then posted throughout the cooperating witness’s neighborhood in Philadelphia, identifying the witness as a “snitch,” “informant,” and “rat.” Various efforts were made by the defendants to prevent the cooperating witness from testifying at Davis’s New Mexico trial, to get a second witness to provide false testimony at the trial in an effort to discredit the cooperating witness, and, following Davis’s conviction at trial in federal court in New Mexico, the defendants attempted to suborn perjury by attempting to bribe the cooperating witness at a post-trial hearing.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Joseph Miles Davis	Philadelphia	1968
Adero Mahia Miwo	Jenkintown, PA	1982

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The defendants each face a maximum sentence of 45 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for June 24, 2008 before the Honorable Berle M. Schiller, United States District Judge.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration with assistance from the Philadelphia Police Major Crimes Unit, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, PA Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Miller.

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